



Montreal, 19 April 2006

Re: Review of the World Anti-Doping Code

Dear Stakeholders,

We first congratulate all stakeholders for the significant contributions made in the field of anti-doping since the adoption of the World Anti-Doping Code (Code) in March 2003.

The Code represents a unique and unprecedented triumph of Sport and Government joining forces to address a critical problem that continues to threaten public health and the integrity of sport. Your commitment to ridding sport of the scourge of doping was evident in the early stages of the Code's development, including, as part of an international consultative process, the submission, consideration, and inclusion of many official comments. The result of your labours is the core document that now provides the framework for harmonized anti-doping policies, rules, and regulations within sport organizations and among public authorities.

Over the past several years, we have moved forward collectively in the practical application of the Code. Our goal has been, and continues to be, that all athletes and members of the "athlete entourage" are subject to the same anti-doping rules and procedures, no matter the sport, the nationality, or the country where tested, so that athletes may participate in competition that is safe and fair. In this regard, the Code has proven to be a very powerful and effective tool.

As we move into year three of the practical implementation of the Code, we feel it is an appropriate time to build on the experience gained to date and to further advance anti-doping efforts. As outlined in Article 23.6, the Code was always intended to serve as a living document, evolving to meet needs. To this end, WADA is initiating a Code consultation period, similar to that used in its development, for purposes of undertaking a practical review of its provisions and fine-tuning them to enhance anti-doping programs. The consultation will provide stakeholders with the opportunity to contribute constructively to the improvement of the Code.



The Code consultation process commences this month, includes three stages of consultation, and will conclude at the World Conference taking place in Madrid, Spain, 15-17 November 2007. All stakeholders are urged to consider their experiences in providing suggestions for any amendments. In view of the relatively successful harmonious operation to date, we suggest you look carefully at the areas which will benefit from change, additions or omissions, and reflect on the benefits to the global community of athletes arising from any suggested alteration.

The consultation process, as outlined in the attached memorandum, will be managed by an expert project management team and will include the review and approval from both the WADA Executive Committee and Foundation Board.

We look forward to our continued cooperation and communication to promote and support doping free sport. Please send your submissions, prior to the indicated date, to code@wada-ama.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Richard Pound". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Richard W. Pound, Q.C.
WADA President

World Anti-Doping Code Consultation Process and Review

Phase 1 Consultation

- April 2006: Mail out sent to all stakeholders to commence consultation
- July 15, 2006: All comments received by Stakeholders
- July–Sept 2006: Review of all comments by project team
- September 2006: Review of comments by WADA Executive Committee
- October 2006: Project team drafting
- November 2006: Review by WADA Executive Committee and Foundation Board

Phase 2 Consultation

- December 2006: Revised draft sent out to stakeholders
- March 31, 2007: All comments received by Stakeholders
- April 2007: Review of all comments by project team
- May 2007: Review of suggested changes by WADA Executive Committee and Foundation Board

Phase 3 Consultation

- June 2007: Revised Draft sent to Stakeholders
- August 1, 2007: All comments received by Stakeholders
- September 2007: Review of comments by WADA Executive Committee
- October 2007: Final draft sent to Stakeholders
- November 2007: World Conference, Madrid, Spain